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CHARLESTON, IL--Stacy Cook (Lincoln-Illinois Central CC), 5-8 junior forward for Eastern Illinois University's lady Panthers, was chosen the 'Player of the Week' for the Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Cook came off the bench to score 40 points with 22 rebounds in road victories at Western Illinois (74-66) and Bradley (78-51) last week.

She had 24 points, 13 rebounds in the Bradley win and 16 points, nine rebounds in the WIU victory. She hit 15 of 27 from the field, 55.5%, in those games.

Cook has played volleyball at EIU the past two years after transferring from Illinois Central where she was a juco All-American in both sports. She passed up basketball last year and reported late to the team this past fall.

"With the talent in this league it's nice to see Stacy get this honor," said coach Barbara Hilke. "After a year's absence she's just now getting accustomed to basketball again, and has developed into a real asset on both ends of the court.

"We may get her into the starting lineup but it's comforting to know we have someone with her ability able to come off the bench and give us a lift."

Cook is averaging an even ten points with 5.9 rebounds, 52.5% from the field, and 71.7% from the line.

This is the second EIU player chosen this season. Toni Collins (Lincoln-Sidell-Jamaica) was picked for the league honor right before Christmas.